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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am severely disappointed with the "Proposed Final Judgement" (PFJ) in United States vs. Microsoft. I feel that Microsoft has had nearly complete control in crafting a document that is highly favorable to their position, and that it allows them nearly unrestrained activity as a penalty for their behavior.

I would really like to see something that directly addresses Microsoft's monopolistic behavior against OEM's and other vendors. I would like to see that the document allows (interesting use of the word in a free society) OEM's who sell computer systems the unrestrained ability to sell them in any configuration the buying public should choose. As it stands now, OEMs are still afraid to sell a computer system unless it meets with Microsoft's approval, that approval being the ability to sell their operating system at all.

Please address this, and a host of other issues as you substantially revise the PFJ so that it is not a Microsoft-favorable document, but a document that favors the whole computer industry, and indeed, our whole society. Punish Microsoft appropriately (which, sadly, the PFJ does not do), and allow the rest of the computer industry to move ahead unrestrained. This is the most American thing we can do, to encourage freedom of choice, and allow our whole economy to progress, free of the stain of monopolistic restraint.

Thank you for allowing me to express my feelings on the issue.

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No one is completely useless. They can always serve as a bad example.

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